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SUBJECT: KEY ISSUES AT THE 28TH UNITED NATIONS

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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1. SOUTH AFRICAN UNDEL TO 28TH UNGA WILL TAKE POSITIONS
GENERALLY CONSONANT WITH OURS ON KEY ISSUES. THIS
WAS INDICATED DURING DISCUSSION WITH SAG DEPART-
MENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL
RELATIONS, A. L. HATTINGH, AUGUST 29.

2. KOREA. SA WILL BE IN AGREEMENT WITH USG AND ROK
ON ALL ASPECTS OF KOREAN QUESTION (DETAILS SEPTTEL).

3. CONVENTION ON PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS. HATTINGH
SAID SA WILL STRONGLY SUPPORT COMPLETION OF CONVENTION
ON SCHEDULE. HE COMMENTED THAT THERE NO NEED
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FOR US TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE THIS ISSUE TO SOUTH

AFRICANS.

4. TERRORISM. SA WOULD LIKE TO SEE UN TAKE CONCRETE MEASURES AND NOT "GET BOGGED DOWN IN DEFINITIONS."

5. WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC). HATTINGH SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH SAG FEELS IDEA OF WDC "PRAISEWORTHY", THE TIME IS NOT NOW APPROPRIATE FOR CONVENING WDC.

6. NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES. LAST YEAR SA VOTED FOR UNGA RESOLUTION REQUESTING CIRCULATION OF REPORT. HATTINGH SAID ANY EFFORT TO OPPOSE ACTION TO CONTROL OR BAN NAPALM AND INCENDIARIES WOULD FAIL IN UN. FOR THIS REASON SA PROBABLY WILL NOT OPPOSE ANY SUCH EFFORT, DEPENDING ON HOW IT PRESENTED.

7. MIDDLE EAST. IN SAME VEIN, HATTINGH SAID, "ONE HAS TO FACE THE FACTS; THE ARABS HAVE THE VOTES." THUS SA'S MAIN FEELING IS TO LET ARABS HAVE THEIR DAY AND TALK AS MUCH AS THEY WANT IN UNGA.

8. AFRICAN ISSUES. OBVIOUSLY, SA WILL OPPOSE AFRICAN RESOLUTIONS ON RHODESIAN SANCTIONS, EFFORTS TO SECURE OFFICIAL RECOGNITION FOR PORTUGUESE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, AND ANY RESOLUTIONS ARISING FROM UN/OAU OSLO CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS.

9. FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. SA SYMPATHETIC TOWARD US POSITION ON 25 PERCENT ASSESSMENT AND WOULD OPPOSE ISSUE BEING REOPENED. SA ALSO AGREES ANY DECISION REGARDING CHANGE IN CURRENCY OF ACCOUNT SHOULD BE DEFERRED.

10. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. KENYAN INITIATIVE TO CREATE UN SPECIAL FUND, HATTINGH SAID, IS ENTIRELY UNREALISTIC AND WOULD BE OPPOSED BY SA, AS WOULD OTHER SIMILARLY IMPRACTICAL PROPOSALS. SA ALSO AGAINST CREATION OF NEW UN BODY FOR COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY.

11. ON OTHER ISSUES CITED IN REFTTEL, HATTINGH HAD LITTLE TO SAY. HOWEVER, EXCEPT FOR SUBJECT OF CONFIDENTIAL

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HUMAN RIGHTS, GENERAL TENOR OF WHAT HE SAID INDICATED LITTLE IF ANY BASIC DIFFERENCE FROM USG POSITIONS. SMITH

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